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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Paragraphs at page 2, line 16:

Fig. 1 is a partially-schematic sectional view of a front fork of a first embodiment according to the present invention.

Fig. 2 is a detail sectional view of a piston rod attachment portion of the first embodiment according to the present invention.

Fig. 3 is a partially-schematic sectional view of a front fork of a second embodiment according to the present invention.

Fig. 4 is a detail sectional view of a variable damping valve of the second embodiment according to the invention.

Paragraph at page 5 between lines 15 and 16:

A snap ring 87 is disposed in an inner surface of a lower end portion 86 of the holder 81. A stop ring 99 is disposed in an end portion 7a of the second piston rod 7, and is housed in the holder 81. A spacer 88 is interposed between the snap ring 87 and the stop ring 99, to prevent the stop ring 99 from dropping out of the snap ring 87. An inner diameter of the spacer 88 is formed larger than an outer diameter of the second piston rod 7, which allows the second piston rod 7 to slightly move in a radial direction, that is, in a direction perpendicular to the axis of the piston 5. This motion is possible with sliding of the spacer 88 on the stop ring 99.

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